

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1 of the specification, please amend the following paragraph:

[0001a] This is a ~~continuing application of co-pending~~ continuation of U.S. Patent Application ~~Serial~~ No. 10/719,001, filed November 21, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 7,030,339, the whose entire contents of which application are hereby incorporated by reference, and which claims priority to Japanese Patent No. 2002-342823, filed November 26, 2002.